### AUDIT COMMITTEE – 22nd DECEMBER 2020

### **Report of the Strategic Director for Environment and Corporate Services**

#### Part A

### ITEM 8 RISK MANAGEMENT (RISK REGISTER) UPDATE

#### Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to provide the Committee with details of the Strategic Risk Register produced for the period to 2020/21, and also to provide information on the risk register that has been compiled to reflect the ongoing COVID-19 situation.

#### **Recommendation**

The Committee notes the report.

#### <u>Reason</u>

To ensure the Committee is kept informed of progress against the strategic risks that should they crystallise would cause the Council to be unable to operate and/or provide key services leading to a significant adverse effect on public wellbeing, and also about the COVID-19 risk register.

#### Policy Justification and Previous Decisions

The Strategic Risk Register was approved by Cabinet on the 13th February 2020. Cabinet resolved that the Audit Committee monitor progress against those risks on the register by receiving and considering monitoring reports on a quarterly basis.

#### Implementation Timetable including Future Decisions

Reports will continue to be submitted to the Committee on a quarterly basis.

#### **Report Implications**

The following implications have been identified for this report.

Financial Implications

None

Risk Management

There are no specific risks associated with this decision.

Background Papers:	None
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### Part B

### Background

1. In accordance with the Committee's work programme the Committee receives monitoring reports in respect of the Council's risk management arrangements. The reports provide a detailed commentary against the risks included in the strategic risk register and the COVID-19 risk register.

#### Development of the Strategic Risk Register and COVID-19 Risk Register

- 2. In reading the risk registers attached in the appendices, it is important to understand that the 'Overall Score' shown in the first risk matrix is the risk that the Council would bear if **no** actions were taken to mitigate the risk. In the vast majority of cases the Council is able to operate risk mitigation processes which result in the lower 'Net Risk Score' shown in the second risk matrix it is this latter score which represents the current assessment of strategic risks faced by the Council.
- 3. The registers will continue to be monitored and reviewed by the Senior and Corporate Leadership Teams at the quarterly Risk Management Group meetings, and will be updated as required.
- 4. An additional risk has been added to the Strategic Risk Register since the Committee's last review (SR-6), which relates to the proposed Environment Bill.
- 5. An additional risk has also been added to the COVID-19 risk register (CVD-8), which relates to the increased length of time that many staff are spending home-working and the potential consequences arising from that.

### **Appendices**

Appendix 1 - Strategic Risk Register Appendix 2 – COVID-19 Risk Register





Risk Code and Title	Primary Risk Type	Potential Consequences	Inherent Risk Matrix	Residual (Current) Risk Matrix	Direction of Travel
SR1 Inadequate business continuity and recovery arrangements, resulting in major internal and/or external disruption to services in the event of an incident. Current Treatments and Controls	<ul> <li>Strategic</li> <li>Business C</li> <li>IT Disaster</li> <li>Website hose</li> <li>Off-site data</li> <li>Stand-by ge</li> <li>Cloud base</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Inability to deliver key/critical services e.g.benefits, refuse collection, homelessness applications, emergency repairs.</li> <li>Reduction in access channels available to residents / customers i.e. contact centre, customer services, telephony ontinuity Planning Recovery Plan sted externally a back-up arrangements enerator for ICS building d telephony infrastructure y planning for failure of major cont</li> </ul>	ractor	Peee Pool	MAINTAIN AS CURRENT
Risk Owner	Strategic Director of Environment and Corporate Services				
Planned Future Actions and Responsible Officer(s).	Description:       Responsible Officer:       Target Date:         September 2020 – link to work regarding concurrent incidents       Head of Strategic Support       Ongoing         Link to workforce mental health       Methods       Strategic Support       Ongoing				



Risk Code and Title	Primary Risk Type	Potential Consequer	nces	Inherent Risk Matrix	Residual (Current) Risk Matrix	Direction of Travel
<b>SR2</b> Inadequate data sharing and data security arrangements.	Strategic	Ineffective processes sharing data with othe agencies / authorities to data breaches Major reputational dar and loss of public com Potentially significant Increased risk due to to operating processes a people possibly taking documents home	er leading mage fidence fines the and	Likelihood	Likelihood	MAINTAIN AS CURRENT
Current Treatments and Controls Risk Owner	<ul> <li>Information sharing agreements in place with key agencies and authorities</li> <li>Annual IT health checks including penetration testing</li> <li>Data Protection Officer in post</li> <li>Data protection training and awareness for staff and councillors</li> <li>IT security policies in place</li> <li>Protective marking of emails</li> <li>Policies are reviewed on a regular basis</li> <li>Data Protection Impact Assessment form developed and circulated</li> <li>Information Security Group to be established with CLT</li> </ul>					
Risk Owner	Strategic Director of Environment and Corporate Services					
Planned Future Actions and Responsible Officer(s).	Description: Not Applicable	)	<u>Responsi</u> N/A	ble Officer:	<u>Target Date</u> : N/A	



Risk Code and Title	Primary Risk Type	Potential Consequences	Inherent Risk Matrix	Residual (Current) Risk Matrix	Direction of Travel		
SR3 Inadequate civil contingency arrangements resulting in failure to respond appropriately to a major incident (eg. flooding, terrorism etc).	Strategic	<ul> <li>Inability to respond to affected peoples' basic needs (food, shelter etc)</li> <li>Adverse effect on the local economy</li> <li>Major reputational damage and loss of public confidence</li> <li>Extending the recovery phase longer than necessary</li> <li>Dealing with the COVID pandemic will have a negative effect on the management of cncurent incidents</li> </ul>	Likelihood	poor in a second	MAINTAIN AS CURRENT		
Current Treatments and Controls Risk Owner	regarding con Appropriate en Regular Testin Training and a 24/7 call-out a Participation in	<ul> <li>Participation in the Local Resilience Partnership and Forum (LRP and LRF) – and awareness of guidance regarding concurrent incident with COVID</li> <li>Appropriate emergency and incident planning in place</li> <li>Regular Testing and exercising of emergency plans</li> <li>Training and awareness for relevant staff</li> <li>24/7 call-out arrangements for senior managers (SMT / CMT)</li> <li>Participation in county-wide Events Safety Group (SAG)</li> <li>Reviews periodically undertaken within current Treatments and Controls</li> </ul>					
Planned Future Actions and Responsible Officer(s).	processes, inclue Officer'	RF's 'no-deal' Brexit planning ding appointment of a 'Brexit Lead /e established the EU/UK ng Group	Responsible Office Head of Strategic Support Head of Strategic Support	er: <u>Target Date</u> : Ongoing Ongoing			



September 2020 – work with LRF partners	3
regarding Covid and the changes in infect	ion rates
and the availability of support for concurre	Int
incidents including rest centres	



Risk Code and Title	Primary Risk Type	Potential Consequences	Inherent Risk Matrix	Residual (Current) Risk Matrix	Direction of Travel	
SR4 Significant reduction in external funding and/or income generated leading to a reduction in the financial resources available for service provision and/or to fund corporate objectives. Current Treatments and	<ul> <li>Strategic</li> <li>Annual proc</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Inability to meet demand for services</li> <li>Inability to meet statutory duties</li> <li>Ceasing or reducing some services</li> </ul>	Ferm Financial Strategy	moouline Impact (MTFS)	MAINTAIN AS CURRENT	
Controls	<ul> <li>Annual production and monitoring of Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS)</li> <li>Treasury Management Strategy</li> <li>Budget and revenue monitoring processes</li> <li>Business continuity planning</li> <li>Production and monitoring of efficiency plan</li> <li>Maintenance of reserves at specified required levels</li> <li>Monitor, consider and respond to government proposals affecting budgets and/or income</li> <li>Consider commercialisation opportuntiies</li> <li>Due to the implications of the COVID pandemic the financial challenge and impact is greater</li> <li>Consider the effect of the Autumn Statement</li> </ul>					
Risk Owner	Strategic Director of Environment and Corporate Services					
Planned Future Actions and Responsible Officer(s).	Description: Not Applicable	9	Responsible Officer: N/A	<u>Target Date</u> : N/A		



Risk Code and Title	Primary Risk Type	Potential Consequences	Inherent Risk Matrix	Residual (Current) Risk Matrix	Direction of Travel			
SR5 Ineffective strategic communication arrangements	Strategic	<ul> <li>Reputational damage</li> <li>Adverse media coverage</li> <li>Damage to relationships with partners</li> <li>Damage to staff morale</li> <li>Competing demands due to the COVID pandemic</li> </ul>	Likelihood Impact	Likelihood	MAINTAIN AS CURRENT			
Current Treatments and Controls	the ongoing Corporate C Regular mo Continue to	<ul> <li>Adequately staffed and experienced corporate communications team – including additional resources to support the ongoing COVID pandemic</li> <li>Corporate Communications Plan in place</li> <li>Regular monitoring of all media sources</li> <li>Continue to expand on social media use and reach</li> <li>'Horizon scanning' for potential communication issues at each Corporate Leadership Team meeting</li> </ul>						
Risk Owner	Chief Executiv	е						
Planned Future Actions and Responsible Officer(s).	Description: Not Applicable		onsible Officer:	<u>Target Date</u> : N/A				



Risk Code and Title	Primary Risk Type	Potential Consequence	es	Inherent Risk Matrix		lual (Current) Matrix	Direction of Travel
<b>SR6</b> – Risk that the proposed Environment Bill will cause financial hardship to the Council due to loss of income relating to Garden Waste and the additional cost of food waste collection and garden waste collection from every household	Strategic	<ul> <li>Financial damage</li> <li>Reputational dam</li> <li>Not complying with legislation</li> </ul>	nage	Trikelihood	Likelihood	Impact	MAINTAIN AS CURRENT
Current Treatments and Controls Risk Owner	<ul> <li>Monitoring</li> <li>Meeting wit</li> <li>Liaising with</li> <li>Reviewing a</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Lobbying MP's regarding the implications of the Bill</li> <li>Monitoring the Bill as it moves through Parliament</li> <li>Meeting with DEFRA</li> <li>Liaising with other Districts</li> <li>Reviewing and understanding the financial implications (full modelling would require external assistance)</li> <li>Strategic Director of Environment and Corporate Services</li> </ul>					
Planned Future Actions and Responsible Officer(s).	Description: Bill is at the Co monitor and up accordingly	ommittee Stage – will H		sible Officer: Cleansing and Open		Target Date: Ongoing	



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<b>CVD- 1</b> Risk that Charnwood does not adequately monitor the data relating to COVID- 19 and respond appropriately to the fluctuations in infection rates and the changes in tiers	Strategic	Officer time diverted from recovery and back to response. Risk of reputational impact as requirement to respond in reasonable way. Increased importance of regular data monitoring Interpretation of rules and regulations (Rule of 6)	Tikelihood	Pikelihood Impact	KEEP UNDER CONSTANT REVIEW		
Current Treatments and Controls	<ul> <li>Many of the controls and measures are at a national level</li> <li>Data reviewed at the weekly COVID Monitoring Group</li> <li>PHE and PH Leicester and Leicestershire carefully reviewing the data through regular meetings</li> <li>Charnwood IMT established</li> <li>Increased LRF activity</li> <li>Increased testing in affected locations</li> <li>Increased community messages in affected locations</li> <li>Review of high risk locations / businesses</li> <li>Reviewing the use of Council resources</li> <li>Proportionate communications in the Borough – linked with PH Leicester and Leicestershire</li> </ul>						
Risk Owner	Strategic Director of Environment and Corporate Services						
Planned Future Actions and Responsible Officers).	Description: Ongoing asse	Description:       Responsible Officer:       Target Date:         Ongoing assessment of data and response       Strategic Director of Environment and Corporate Services       Ongoing					



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<b>CVD-2</b> Risk that there are inadequate health and safety arrangements for staff, Members and volunteers, resulting in infection by the virus.	Strategic	<ul> <li>Sickness absence</li> <li>Loss of confidence</li> <li>Reputational damage</li> <li>Legal action and claims for damages</li> </ul>	Impact	Likelihood Impact	KEEP UNDER CONSTANT REVIEW		
Current Treatments and Controls	<ul> <li>Appropriate</li> <li>Monitoring</li> <li>Introductio</li> <li>Use of rem</li> <li>Home visit</li> <li>Generic Ri</li> <li>Updates to</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Health &amp; Safety Group established and meeting regularly</li> <li>Appropriate use and monitoring of stock levels of PPE (personal protective equipment)</li> <li>Monitoring and applying relavant national guidance</li> <li>Introduction of extensive home working to comply with social distancing requirements</li> <li>Use of remote meeting powers for council and committee meetings</li> <li>Home visit protocol developed and updated.</li> <li>Generic Risk Assessments in place and communicated to HoS</li> <li>Updates to CLT/SLT through BCG.</li> <li>Longer term DSE assessment being developed leading to potential equipment requirements which will</li> </ul>					
Risk Owner		ulatory Services					
Planned Future Actions and Responsible Officer(s).	<ul> <li><u>Description</u> Protocol</li> <li>Generic Si Assessme</li> <li>PPE equip reviewed a</li> <li>Advice for</li> </ul>	n:Revision to Home Visit taff Homeworking VDU ents to be updated oment requirements on-going and inform SLT staff regarding testing of flu vouchers to protect	Responsible Office Head of Regulatory Services (Chair of H & Safety Group)	Ongoing	:		



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<b>CVD-3</b> (linked to SR5) Risk that there are inadequate communications arrangements (internal and external)	Strategic	<ul> <li>Major reputational of and loss of public confidence</li> <li>Members, residents staff unaware of late guidance and developments</li> <li>Vulnerable groups unaware of potential support options</li> <li>Businesses unaware potential grant fund arrangeents</li> <li>Competing demand placed on the comment</li> </ul>	s and est al re of ing	Likelihood Impact	Likelihood	KEEP UNDER CONSTANT REVIEW	
Current Treatments and Controls	Communic media)	ations team in place u	ising vario	ous suitable channel	s (website, press rel	eases, social	
	<ul><li>Participation</li><li>Review of the second second</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Participation in the LRF communications cell</li> <li>Review of comms resources</li> <li>Monitor of resources particularly around concurrent incidents</li> </ul>					
Risk Owner		Chief Executive					
Planned Future Actions and Responsible Officer(s).	Description: Not Applicabl	e	<u>Respons</u> N/A	sible Officer:	<u>Target Date</u> : N/A		



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<b>CVD-4</b> (linked to SR3) Risk that there are inadequate civil contingency arrangements resulting in failure to respond appropriately to the COVID-19 major incident	Strategic	<ul> <li>Inability to respond to affected peoples' basic needs (food, shelter etc)</li> <li>Adverse effect on the local economy</li> <li>Major reputational damage and loss of public confidence</li> <li>Extending the recovery phase longer than necessary</li> <li>Consideration of concurrent events such as flooding, Brexit, terrorism</li> </ul>	Likelihood	Likelihood Impact	KEEP UNDER CONSTANT REVIEW		
Current Treatments and Controls	<ul> <li>Implementati</li> <li>Implementati</li> <li>Moved on to</li> <li>Major incider</li> <li>Consider the</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Participation in the Local Resilience Partnership and Forum (LRP and LRF)</li> <li>Implementation of relevant business grants schemes</li> <li>Implementation of a 'Community Hub' at John Storer House</li> <li>Moved on to Recovery</li> </ul>					
Risk Owner	Chief Executive						
Planned Future Actions and Responsible Officer(s).	Description: Continued parti TCG, and reco Monitor LRF Ri	•	Responsible Offi Chief Executive Head of Strategi Support	and Ongoing			



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<b>CVD- 5</b> (linked to SR4) Risk that there is a significant reduction in income generated leading to a decrease in the financial resources available for service provision and/or to fund corporate objectives.	Strategic	<ul> <li>Inability to meet demand for services</li> <li>Inability to meet statutory duties</li> <li>Ceasing or reducing some services</li> </ul>	Impact	Tikelihood       Likelihood       Impact	KEEP UNDER CONSTANT REVIEW	
Current Treatments and Controls Risk Owner	<ul> <li>Budget and revenue monitoring processes</li> <li>Business continuity planning</li> <li>Development of a revised budget during the 2020/21 financial year</li> <li>Ongoing review of the funding available from Central Government (i.e 71% of income)</li> <li>Respond to request from Govt through Delta returns</li> <li>Strategic Director of Environment and Corporate Services</li> </ul>					
Planned Future Actions and Responsible Officer(s).	Description: Review of buy autumn 2020 Monitor at ha		Responsible Office Strategic Director of Environment and Corporate Service	of Ongoing		



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<b>CVD- 6</b> Risk that there is a breakdown in IT service caused by equipment, failure of internet connections, or staff shortages resulting in a reduction or lack of service delivery	Strategic	<ul> <li>Inability of significant numbers of staff to continue with effective home working leading to service disruption</li> <li>Individual risks regarding connectivity</li> </ul>	Picket       Picket <th< td=""><td>Likelihood Imbact</td><td>KEEP UNDER CONSTANT REVIEW</td></th<>	Likelihood Imbact	KEEP UNDER CONSTANT REVIEW	
Current Treatments and Controls	<ul> <li>Secure and resilient IT infrastructure at Network and Server levels</li> <li>Performance and security monitoring in place by key staff and (where appropriate) by suppliers</li> <li>Automated backup schedule, in line with agreed retention policies</li> <li>Ensuring correct and updated contact numbers on emergency contact lists</li> <li>Alternative contacts and secondary responsibilities in place for key functions and tasks</li> <li>Introduction of extensive home working to comply with social distancing requirements</li> <li>Consideration of IT supporting agile working in the recovery phase</li> <li>Consideration of supporting extended working hours</li> <li>Review of individual risk regarding connectivity and solutions considered such as using own devices</li> </ul>					
Risk Owner	Strategic Director of Environment and Corporate Services					
Planned Future Actions and Responsible Officer(s).	Description: Ongoing maintainance of current infrastructure and equipment Linking back to the IT strategy Link to partners Agile working		Responsible Office Strategic Director of Environment and Corporate Services	of N/A		



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<b>CVD- 7</b> Risk that a significant number of staff become affected by COVID-19 leading to a reduction in service delivery, specifically in services identified as critical.	Strategic	<ul> <li>Inability to deliver services</li> <li>Availability of tests</li> </ul>	Pickelihood       Impact	Likelihood Impact	KEEP UNDER CONSTANT REVIEW	
Current Treatments and Controls	<ul> <li>Review of sickness being undertaken through the COVID Monitoring Group</li> <li>Staff skills audit undertaken</li> <li>Critical staff being reviewed regarding testing</li> <li>Redeployment processes in place</li> </ul>					
Risk Owner	Strategic Director of Environment and Corporate Services					
Planned Future Actions and Responsible Officer(s).	0 0	essment of data and t requirements	Responsible Office Strategic Director of Environment and Corporate Services	of Ongoing		



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<b>CVD-8</b> Risk that because there is a greater level of homeworking due to the pandemic that staff will encounter health issues leading to increased sickness absence and staff retention.	Strategic	<ul> <li>Long term sickness absence – both physical and mental health</li> <li>Staff retention</li> </ul>	Prikelihood Impact	Likelihood	6       Impact	KEEP UNDER CONSTANT REVIEW
Current Treatments		SE Assessments compiled				
and Controls	<ul> <li>Staff who are stuggling are able to return to the office – post lockdown 2.0</li> <li>Equipment being made available and processes being established for collection / delivery / purchase</li> <li>Regular Health and Wellbeing advice made available to staff</li> </ul>					
Risk Owner	Director of Environment and Corporate Services					
Planned Future	Act on the responses regarding the DSE         Responsible Officer:         Target Date:					
Actions and	Assessment		Head of Regulatory Ongoing			
Responsible Officer(s).		less – especially muscular-	Services (Chair of I	lealth		
	skeletal and i	mental health issues	& Safety Group)			